

St. Thomas More Church

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Daily Mass: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM in the Chapel

First Saturdays: 9:00 AM in the Chapel

Sat. 4:30 PM

Sun. 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Mon.—Fri. 9:30 AM—12 Noon



Rite of Reconciliation Saturday

3:00—4:00 PM

In the Chapel

First Fridays after the 9:00 AM Mass

Father Edward Namiotka, Pastor
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 4, 2024

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, 856-424-3212

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Congratulations



Jax Ryan Oyola on your Baptism

“You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in His sight.”

- Psalm 139

SPECIAL COLLECTION

On the weekend of **August 10/11**, there will be a collection to commemorate the centennial celebration of the First Mass being celebrated inside the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington DC. Many repairs are needed to preserve the integrity of this structure. Please help to preserve Mary’s Shrine for generations to come and honor our Blessed Mother through your generous gift to her shrine.

Your contributions to the Parish are appreciated and needed.

Giving is the manifestation of our faith and trust in God to provide. “Let your lives be free from the love of money, but be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never forsake you or abandon you.’”
Heb. 13: 5



“If my people, who are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*

Next Retrouvaille weekends in Malvern, PA October 4th—6th, 2024. ww.HelpOurMarriage.com for information. Or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Stewardship Corner:

“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus, will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” *Exodus 16:4*

Living a Stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO THE 2024 SJCMA CAMPAIGN!

WITH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

St. Thomas More’s Goal is \$89, 700.

From the Pastor's Desk

Politics and the Moral Issues

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout history, politics and religion have started wars. Therefore, I generally tend to avoid certain subjects that evoke strong feelings, especially when I am trying to have a peaceful meal, or when I am in mixed company (and I am not sure of one's religious background or political leanings). I attempt to keep matters civil and usually have a live and let live attitude toward issues that I see as non-essential or less-important.

Regarding politics, currently we are preparing for another presidential election and I think that many, if not most, people have already made up their minds concerning how they will vote. What I particularly worry about are those who are not informed of the issues (and their various implications) and people who base their decisions on reasons such as a candidate's likeability or popularity instead of more substantive reasons. What also intrigues me is those who will vote for a particular candidate **solely because of party affiliation**. (I once again state emphatically that I have never sold my soul to any particular political party and I base my vote on *the substantive issues*, while considering a candidate's moral character, belief system, voting record, etc.)

Certain issues should be of utmost importance for Catholics (and, in fact, for all people with faith in God as creator). Where does a candidate's party stand on a baby's right to live (abortion), euthanasia (assisted suicide), traditional marriage, freedom of worship, socialism/Marxism, parent's rights regarding the education of their children, etc.? How one values every human life from conception onward should never be minimized or made equivalent to some considerably lesser issue.

A candidate's honesty and integrity need scrutiny. Will the candidate's political positions reflect the biblical values and principles that have guided civilization from its earliest days? What does the person's past track record tell us about future decision making? Is political correctness more important than moral truth?

Regarding religion, I believe that my Catholic faith should guide how I do all things in life. A properly formed conscience should assist me in my decision making. This means that my faith, properly articulated and understood, needs to guide and inform my vote.

We have seen biblical examples of those who have stood up to kings and rulers on principle—being anything but politically correct—and were not afraid to speak the truth regardless of personal consequence. Notable is St. John the Baptist who objected to King Herod's choice of wife and was ultimately beheaded because of his unwavering stance (see Mk. 6: 14-29). Our parish patron, St. Thomas More, was also beheaded for standing up to King Henry VIII on principle.

America's future is going to be shaped by those we choose to represent us in public office—especially the office of President. I suggest that we become informed of the issues, learn about the candidates from their own words and current/past actions (and not just what the PC media wants us to hear about them.) Read the **democratic** and **republican** party platforms. They are very revealing.

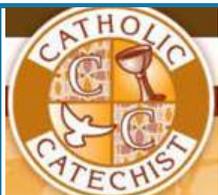
What worries me is that my singular vote, which I intend to take the time to make prayerfully and intelligently, can be nullified by someone else's uninformed vote or by a vote that is motivated by a less-than-altruistic political or social agenda.

Fr. Ed Namiołka, Pastor

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 4, 2024

Ministry Schedule August 10/11

	Clergy	Music	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Father	Music Ministry	G. Tyrrell	J. Bland Campbell	
8:30 AM	Father	Music Ministry	K. Witts	T. Smith	R. & A. Witts
11:00 AM	Father	Music Ministry	D. Staton	B. Haughwout	L. Vascisin A. Bresani



Religious Education

Religious Education Registration is now open. Classes will be held on Sunday morning from 9:30 AM through 10:45 AM starting September 15, 2024. (Catechetical Sunday)

Returning families will receive an email from **Parish Giving**. This email will contain login in credentials for your account that was created for you. Please make any necessary changes to your information before submitting. If you do not receive this email, please check your Spam folder or call the parish office at 856-424-3212.

New Families ONLY go to our Parish web site stthomasmorenj.org and look for the **Religious Education link to the New Family Registration form**. You will receive an automated email from Parish Giving with login credentials for an account that was created for you. Sign into your account to complete the registration process.

Please register now so we can prepare and plan properly for your children.

A Late fee of \$50.00 will be applied after August 15, 2024.

FILIPINO "Tagalog" MASS

Sunday, August 25, 2024
 3:00 PM Rosary
 3:30 PM Mass
 4:30 PM Fellowship
 Catholic Church of St. Mary
 Cherry Hill, NJ.



St. Thomas More Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! We want to hear from our parishioners!

Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen St. Thomas More and better prepare us for the future!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bckbg5>

If you prefer a **paper copy**, you may pick up your survey in the Parish Office during the week. Complete and return to the office by **September 12, 2024** to allow time for data entry.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.



PERSONAL HEARING DEVICES are available for those who have a difficult time hearing at Mass. They are simple to use. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices at Mass, please see an usher before Mass and they will assist you.

To assure that these hearing devices are available for all in need, it is important that you return them after Mass.

Devices are sanitized after each use.

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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

4:30 PM Rosario Vergara Senatin
r/b Leonila & Juanita Vergara

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30 AM Margaret Crawford r/b Robert Crawford

11:00 AM Doris Naughton r/b Flynn family

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

9:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

9:00 AM Catherine Namiotka
r/b Marion Kapischke

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM Pat Beaney r/b Janet Johnson

9:30—Noon Adoration in the Chapel

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

9:00 AM Deacon Ed and Helen Protzman

9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00 AM Living and deceased members of Morgan family in Ireland
9:30-Noon Adoration in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

4:30 PM Dorothy McDermott
r/b Harry & Jean McAneny

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 AM Pat Beaney r/b Vincent & Beverly DeMasi

11:00 AM Eileen Kleinz
r/b Rick & Elaine Beckman

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For AUGUST 2024 For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

**Spanish Ministry Prayer Group
St. Thomas More Parish Hall**

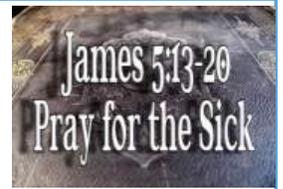
Fridays: August 9, 16 and 23 at 10:00 A.M.

Join us as we Pray the Rosary, Lectio Divina, and reflect on themes of faith.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Joe Centonze, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Linda Di Giulio, Fr. George Donfurtang, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Gerie, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Marion Kapischke, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, John Lane, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Kelly Moore, Carter Oakley, Tina Petrone, Dom Sacca, Carlos Santiago, Teddy Shaffer, Grace Sklencar, Joe Sklencar, Claire Spence, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ed Targonski, Sr., Ann Vigrass, Joanne Wachman, Sarah Warner, Mason Roberson.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, TSgt. John P. DeYoung, Sam Houston, USN Special Forces, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Capt. Jennifer LaSalce, US Army, Capt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. Jacqueline A. McCabe, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country.*

An invitation to men of the parish from the Cherry Hill Council 6173

Knights of Columbus: If you want more information or to join us, you can do so today at www.kofc.org/joinus with this QR code include



“Council 6173” when asked and use the promo code: BLESSEDDMCGIVNEY to join for free.



Eucharistic Revival quotes from Pope Francis

“We are a community nourished by the body and blood of Christ. Communion with the body of Christ is an effective sign of unity, of communion, of sharing. One cannot

participate in the Eucharist without committing oneself to mutual fraternity which is sincere. But the Lord knows well that our human strength alone is not enough for this. On the contrary, he knows that among His disciples there will be the temptation of rivalry, envy, prejudice, division...”

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Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences.

Excerpt from the Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 11, 2024 - John 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Commentary:

The theme of "bread from heaven" is developed in many ways in this chapter of John's Gospel. Today's reading opens with the people murmuring. Since he was born in time, since the people knew his father and mother, Jesus simply could not have come from heaven. Jesus does not meet their objection directly. He raises the discussion to a higher level. To understand him it is necessary to have faith. Only God can give faith. God holds out the gift to all who are open to receive it. Faith is acceptance of Jesus, and this faith in Jesus, eating the living bread, gives eternal life.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?



Pro-Life Corner: "The pro-life cause is the preeminent cause of our time, and this struggle between the gospel of life and the culture of death will determine the destiny of mankind."— **Peter Garrett**, Member of the Australian House of Representatives



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- Help Me Be On The Lookout
God, as I go about my day, help me to be on the lookout for people who might need a reminder of Your love and kindness. Use me to be a source of encouragement to the people around me. And when I get worried by events that are beyond my control, please remind me that You are near by filling me with Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen

Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC Saturday, October 26, 2024

7:00/7:15 AM	Bus Departs Holy Eucharist Parking Lot 344 Kresson Road, Cherry Hill
9:30—11:30 AM	Arrive at the Basilica,. Confession, Explore the Shrine, Prayer time
11:00 AM	Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music
Noon	Lunch on your own . Suggest bring lunch as cafeteria is very busy.
1:30 PM	Procession of Parishes with Banner. Rosary and Crowning of the BVM.
3:00 PM	Mass with Bishop Sullivan in the Great Upper Church. Departure following Mass
7:30 PM	Bus arrives at Holy Eucharist parking lot

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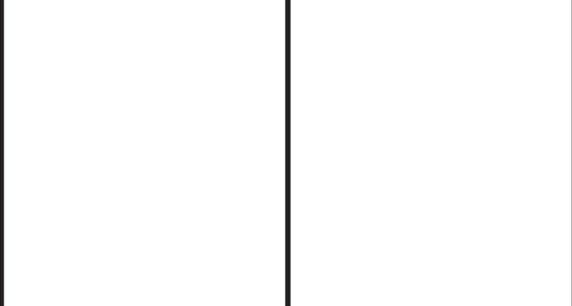
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